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A Modernist Lantern

Attributed to Fontana Arte

Steel and glass

Italy, circa 1960

H 88 x D 48.5cm

(H 34 1/2 x D 19 in)

£5,500

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A sophisticated and rare 6-light, Modernist Italian lantern, formed of alternating concave steel columns between pairs of curved glass panels, each cut to frame an elliptical chromed reflector centred on the light bulb. The complicated nature of the forms would have been particularly expensive to produce which perhaps accounts for the lack of any other known examples.

An instructive comparison can be seen in the extraordinary cabinet designed by Gio Ponti and Piero Fornasetti in 1940 for Fontana Arte* which shares the same use of riveted, alternating curved glass panels,



*F. Deboni, *Fontana Arte*, Umberto

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